

Table Topics

Disasters are not new. Why aren't people prepared for them?

What do you think is the single most important aspect of preparedness?

People don't like to think about preparing for disasters. How will you get them to listen to you?

The concept of having volunteers work alongside first responders is relatively new and not always well received. How can we work through this dilemma?

It's been said that citizens should leave disaster response to professionals. It's too dangerous. What are your thoughts about this issue?

If I turn my gas off after an earthquake, why can't I turn it back on myself?

I don't understand the idea of an "out of area contact". What does that mean and why is it so important?

I'm one of your students and I want to bring my three year old to the disaster medicine class next week because I don't have child care and I really don't want to miss class. OK?

Think about someone you feel is a great speaker. How are you like that person?

You are teaching module Six of your CERT class. It seems that as the group gets to know each other better, their breaks keep getting longer and longer. Tonight they were a full ten minutes late getting back in their seats from the first break. How will you handle the remainder of the evening?

You are teaching module Five of your CERT class. Someone in the second row seems to be looking down a lot and you notice that they have a People magazine in their lap and are thumbing through the pages. Should you do anything or just let it go?

As you are about to begin teaching module Two of your CERT class, a student tells you that another has pushed her Participant Manual out of the way and taken her seat. The "seat stealer" immediately becomes indignant, says that she sat in the same spot last week and screams that the other student should just chill out. What will you do now?